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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT OF SPAIN 1077

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: AIR TRANSPORT SERVICES

REF: (A) BRIDGETOWN 0925; (B) PORT OF SPAIN 828 AND
PREVIOUS

1. TO UNDERSCORE BRIDGETOWN'S COMMENTS REF (A), STRIKE AT BWIA HAS NOW EXTENDED FOR OVER TWO MONTHS. THERE HAS BEEN NO PROGRESS TOWARD ITS RESOLUTION SINCE REF (A) AND THE END IS NOT IN SIGHT. STRIKE HAS RESULTED IN CONSIDERABLE INCONVENIENCE TO TRAVELERS, AND AIR FREIGHT SERVICES HAVE ALSO BEEN SERIOUSLY AFFECTED.

2. IN ADDITION TO DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING CONFIRMED RESERVATIONS FOR TRAVEL IN THE FIRST PLACE, WE HAVE DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF PERSONS WHOSE RETURN RESERVATIONS WERE NOT HONORED; A HIGHER THAN NORMAL INCIDENCE OF LOST LUGGAGE AS A RESULT OF CAPACITY FLIGHT LOADS, PASSENGERS FORCED TO TRAVEL BY DEVIOUS ROUTES INVOLVING AT TIMES LONG LAYOVERS IN ORDER TO GET FROM HERE TO THEIR HOMES, AND CHAOS AT AIRLINE TERMINAL. AS SUMMER HOLIDAY SEASON APPROACHES, SITUATION IS BOUND TO GET MUCH WORSE IF BWIA REMAINS
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GROUNDED.

3. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO KNOW POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING LOAD CAPACITY ON ROUTES NOW SERVED BY U.S. CARRIERS BETWEEN TRINIDAD AND THE UNITED STATES (I.E., PAN AMERICAN AND EASTERN) BY ADDING SECTION TO EXISTING FLIGHTS, BY TEMPORARY ADDITION OF NEW SCHEDULED FLIGHTS,

OR BY CHARTER. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT IS FEASIBLE UNDER TERMS OF BILATERAL CURRENTLY IN FORCE, WHETHER AGREEMENT SUPPLEMENTARY TO BILATERAL NEGOTIABLE, OR WHAT REACTION OF U.S. AIRLINE PILOTS ASSOCIATION WOULD BE TO ANY OR ALL OF THESE ALTERNATIVES. WE HAVE THEREFORE NOT APPROACHED LOCAL OFFICES OF U.S. CARRIERS FOR THEIR REACTION. WHILE WE DO NOT FEEL USG SHOULD INSERT ITSELF INTO LOCAL LABOR DISPUTE, WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT WELFARE OF U.S. BUSINESS AND OTHER TRAVELLERS WHO ARE SUFFERING THE CONSEQUENCES.

4. DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED. FYI, WE UNDERSTAND AIR CANADA AND BRITISH AIRWAYS WERE ABLE TO INCREASE NUMBER OF FLIGHTS BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT BEEN FLYING FULL SCHEDULE ALLOWABLE UNDER BILATERALS, BUT GOTT HAS NOT TO DATE BEEN WILLING TO AUTHORIZE MORE THAN MAXIMUM ALREADY ALLOWED.
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